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SUMMIT

1. AT DECEMBER 3 PRESS CONFERENCE, FRG PRESS SPOKESMAN
BOELLING WAS QUERIED ABOUT FRG POSITION TOWARDS A
NEW ECONOMIC SUMMIT. BOELLING ANSWERED THAT THE FRG
POSITION WAS "THOROUGHLY POSITIVE" AND ADDED THAT
TALKS ABOUT THIS PROJECT HAD RECENTLY TAKEN PLACE
BETWEEN GISCARD AND SCHMIDT. BOELLING EXPLAINED THAT
THE CHANCELLOR HAD ALREADY MADE IT CLEAR ON SEVERAL
OCCASIONS THAT SUCH MEETINGS AT IRREGULAR INTERVALS
MIGHT BECOME NECESSARY IN VIEW OF NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN
THE WORLD ECONOMY, AND THAT, INDEPENDENT OF THE
CONVOKING OF THIS PARTICULAR CONFERENCE, SUCH
MEETINGS CAN BE USEFUL. BOTH GISCARD AND SCHMIDT
HAVE BEEN IN AGREEMENT IN THIS RESPECT FOR A LONG
TIME.

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2. ASIDE FROM REPORTING BOELLING'S STATEMENT, THE GERMAN PRESS HAS GIVEN LITTLE COVERAGE TO PROPOSED SUMMIT. DECEMBER 4 ISSUE OF SUEDEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG CARRIED DISPATCH FROM BRUSSELS STATING THAT THIRD ECONOMIC SUMMIT IS IN SIGHT, WITH SCHMIDT, GISCARD, AND ANDREOTTI AGREED ABOUT THE NECESSITY OF A MEETING WITH PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER. BEFORE ANNOUNCING HIS PROPOSAL IN ITALY, GISCARD REPORTEDLY OBTAINED SCHMIDT'S CONCURRENCE BY TELEPHONE. ACCORDING TO THIS DISPATCH, BOTH LEADERS AGREED THAT SUCH MEETINGS SHOULD TAKE PLACE AT IRREGULAR INTERVALS, IN ORDER TO MEET THE CONCERNS OF NON-PARTICIPANTS THAT NO NEW INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTION IS BEING FORMED WHICH WOULD IGNORE THEIR INTERESTS.
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